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NADC Bursary Deadline

The application deadline for NADC bursaries is May 15, 2002. Over 100 bursaries of \$5,000 are available each year to Alberta students who are engaged in the study, investigation, or research work in a field related to north training in northern Alberta. The projects must be a maximum of Alberta for the last three years and be within two years of graduation from a full-time post-secondary program. Applications for the NADC Bursary are available at all northern Alberta libraries, as well as Alberta Development Councils, and Community Development Service Centres.

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World Bank Report in Alberta

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Northern Developments

Challenge North Conference 2003 in Fort McMurray

Leaders from industry, government, communities and Aboriginal organizations are invited to attend *Challenge North 2003: Opportunities - Strategies - Success Conference*. The Northern Alberta Development Council is hosting the *Challenge North Conference* on April 9-11, 2003, in Fort McMurray at the Sawridge Hotel.

"Participants in the *Challenge North 2003 Conference* will have an opportunity to hear speakers, participate in small group discussions and network with other northern leaders," says Art Avery, Council member. "This is a chance for delegates to put forward their recommendations for strategies for further development in Northern Alberta."

Highlights of the conference include keynote speakers, group discussions, oil sands tours, local entertainment and a question period with a panel of provincial cabinet ministers.

Speakers confirmed for the conference include: Mayor Bill Smith, City of Edmonton; Eric Newell, Chairman and CEO of Syncrude Canada Ltd.; Paddy Meade, Deputy Minister, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development; and Gary Friedel, Northern Alberta Development Council Chair and MLA for Peace River.

The previous *Challenge North Conference* was held in Grande Prairie in March 2000 with close to 300 delegates in attendance. Recommendations from the conference's proceedings were integrated into the Northern Alberta Development Council's three-year business plan.

Northern Development Ministers Forum to Meet in Peace River

Northern Development Ministers from across Canada will converge in Peace River on September 18 - 20, 2002, for their annual conference. Federal, provincial, and territorial ministers responsible for northern development are participating in this conference.

"The Forum is an excellent opportunity to work together to advance this vital part of our country," says Pearl Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, as well as Chair of the Conference. "Alberta is pleased to be the host of the 2002 conference."

The theme of this year's conference is *Building the North*. Cabinet ministers representing the northern regions of Canada will meet to discuss issues facing the north and the best practices for handling them.

"We want to generate greater national awareness of the significance of the North - both to the rest of Canada and to our own provinces and territories," states Gary Friedel, Chair of the Northern Alberta Development Council and MLA for Peace River. "This conference is an opportunity to showcase the northern part of our province and the Peace region."

Northern Development Ministers from across the country decided to form a group to work on northern issues at a meeting in the fall of 2001 in La Ronge, Saskatchewan. The Northern Development Ministers Forum decided to hold annual conferences to examine projects and initiatives to advance development in the North.

Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland & Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and the Federal Government are all members of the Forum.

NADC Bursaries awarded to Alberta students

The Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) distributed 112 bursaries to Alberta students this year for a total of \$333,000. The majority of the students receiving the bursaries are in education and technical fields.

Michael Procter, Council member and Selection Committee Chair explains the *NADC Bursary*. "The *NADC Bursary* is a return service bursary program designed to increase the number of trained professionals in northern Alberta and to encourage greater participation of northern students in post-secondary education. In exchange for the funds, students agree to live and work in northern Alberta following graduation. Students commit to the North for one year for each year of full bursary support. The application deadline for the NADC Bursary is May 15th each year."

The NADC also partners with companies, community organizations, school districts and municipalities to offer the *Bursary Partnerships Program*. Employers or community organizations interested in sponsoring a bursary can contact the NADC.

For further information on either of these bursary programs, you can contact the NADC office in Peace River at (780) 624-6545 or visit the NADC Web site at www3.gov.ab.ca/nadc.

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Human Resources Management Conference

Human resources practitioners, business owners and managers are invited to attend a conference all about human resource issues. The *Northern Focus Human Resources Management Conference* will be held on October 21 - 23, 2002, in Fort McMurray. The Wood Buffalo Human Resources Management Committee and the Northern Alberta Development Council are hosting the Bi-Annual Conference.

Art Avery, Council member explains that the conference is an excellent opportunity for networking. "We have a number of excellent speakers, panel discussions and professional development sessions lined up for the conference."

Ed Kamps, Chair of the Wood Buffalo Human Resources Management Committee and Manager of Organizational Effectiveness at Suncor Energy agrees. "This conference will give human resource practitioners, business owners and managers the opportunity to learn and exchange ideas about human resource issues," he says.

The Wood Buffalo Human Resources Management Committee is comprised of representatives from industry, municipal government, health regions, school districts, colleges, tourist organizations and the provincial government. The group was formed in 2001 to address human resource issues in the Fort McMurray area and to host the *Northern Focus* conference.

For more information, or to register for the conference, please contact Kim Price at the Northern Alberta Development Council office in Lac La Biche.

High Level Housing Symposium a Success

The Town of High Level and the High Level and District Chamber of Commerce organized a very successful Housing Symposium in High Level on May 15, 2002. The Northern Alberta Development Council assisted with the organization of the symposium.

Town of High Level Mayor Mike Mihaly said, "The purpose of the Housing Symposium was to bring together developers, homebuilders, lending institutions and businesses directly affiliated with the housing industry to look at the opportunities for residential development in the Town of High Level.

Gary Friedel, Northern Alberta Development Council Chair and MLA for Peace River, attended the Housing Symposium. He noted, "High Level is in a very strategic location in relation to the growth of northwestern Alberta. The provision of timely and affordable housing is one of the key challenges facing High Level as it continues to grow. I was impressed with the Housing Symposium and compliment it's organizers."

Contact the Town of High Level at 780-926-2201 for more information.

Opportunitynorth.ca provides a connection to Alberta's North

Employers now have new tools for recruiting staff to northern Alberta. *Opportunitynorth.ca* was developed by the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) to address the challenges of attracting employees to northern Alberta. The Web site features information on careers, lifestyle, communities and general statistics on northern Alberta.

"The Opportunity North project is a great way to address some of the challenges faced by northern employers," says Gary Friedel, NADC Chair and MLA for Peace River. "This will help people who are considering a career move to find out as much as they can about our communities."

"With links to major employers, communities and organizations, the Web site offers descriptions of what it's like to live and work in northern Alberta. We encourage the submission of Web links and photos to add onto the site," says Ernie Isley, Council member and Chair of the Opportunity North Committee. Representatives from the fields of health, education, industry, tourism and government participated on a cross-sector steering committee with the NADC to provide input into Opportunity North.

A CD-ROM version of the site is currently available free of charge to employers along with brochures and business cards. Employers can also use the *opportunitynorth.ca* logo in career advertisements and recruiting campaigns.

The official launch of the Web site will be at the *Northern Focus Human Resources Management Conference* on October 21 - 23, 2002, in Fort McMurray.



2002 Northern Alberta Recycling Workshop & Trade Fair

The third annual *Northern Alberta Recycling Workshop & Trade Fair* is taking place September 11-13, 2002, in the Town of Athabasca.

The workshop, organized by Northern Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (Northern CARE), will focus on waste management and recycling in northern Alberta. Workshop topics will include: an overview of the province's waste management strategy for the next five years; a panel presentation on recycling and waste management in First Nation and Metis communities; tours of Athabasca's regional waste management facilities; tours of Alberta Pacific's operations and case studies of successful recycling programs in northern Alberta. Evenings will feature guest speakers and opportunities for participants to meet and discuss issues of mutual concern. If you have an interest in recycling or waste management in northern Alberta, this workshop is for you!

Northern CARE is a non-profit organization established in 1994 for the purpose of advancing recycling and waste management in northern Alberta. Members of Northern CARE include representatives from municipal and provincial governments, industry, education, media, community recycling organizations, and waste management businesses.



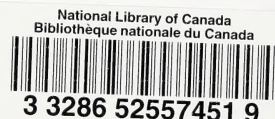
Reducing Northern
Alberta's Waste

For more information on the *Northern Alberta Recycling Workshop & Trade Fair*, check Northern CARE's Web site at www.northerncare.org for an on-line brochure and registration form, or contact Christine Della Costa, Executive Director

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NADC Updates and Activities

Next NADC meeting

The next Northern Alberta Development Council meeting will be held in High Prairie on September 26 - 27, 2002. Municipalities, industry, community organizations and members of the public are invited to make presentations on their priority issues and concerns at the Leader's Roundtable meeting. The roundtable will be on the second day of the meetings, September, 27th. Contact Pat Nelson at 780-624-6274 for more information or to register for the meeting.

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Review

Provincial electoral boundaries are being reviewed by the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. The Northern Alberta Development Council prepared a submission on behalf of northern Alberta.

Recommendations for balanced rural-urban representation for the province were included in the submission. The contribution northern Alberta makes to the Alberta Advantage, travel distances, the number of local officials and the ability to serve were outlined as factors for the Electoral Boundaries Commission's consideration. The Council made the presentation to the Commission on Thursday, June 27, 2002, in Peace River.

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